

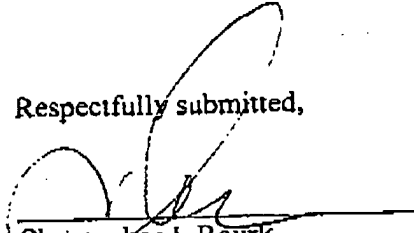
REMARKS

Pursuant to the filing of the above-referenced non-provisional patent application and Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Attorney for the Applicants at the telephone number provided below if further explanation of the Applicants' position would help to advance the prosecution of the application.

The specification has been amended to refer to the Federal Funding provided.

No additional fee is believed to be due with this preliminary amendment. If any required fee has been overlooked, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any fee overpayment relating to this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-0657.

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